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In re Application of:

LEVITT et al.

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METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR FACILITATING THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MARCH 19, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2003, please consider the following. No amendments to the specification or the claims are being made. A Petition for Extension of Time of five months and the requisite fee are being submitted simultaneously herewith to extend the time for response to this Office Action until September 19, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

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Response to Election Requirement:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2003, where restriction and election of species requirements were made, Applicants provisionally elect Group I and SEQID NO: 3 for further prosecution. Applicants further provisionally elect the mutation of T at nucleotide base number 4121 of SEQID NO: 3. However, Applicants respectfully traverse the these requirements for the reasons stated below.